Implementation of Wakf Act, 1995 in Punjab

2546. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the provisions of the Wakf Act, 1995 which have not been implemented in Punjab Wakf Board, so far;

(b) the reasons for their non-implementation;

(c) the steps taken, so far; and

(d) by when all the provisions are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) The main provisions of the Wakf Act, 1995 which have not been implemented by the Punjab Wakf Board are Establishment of Wakf Board under the section 13; Framing of Rules under section 109 of the Wakf Act; and Establishment of Wakf Tribunals, under Section 83.

(b) to (d) The Punjab Wakf Board could not be constituted as there is no consensus among the constituent States of Punjab, Haryana & Himachal Pradesh as to whether a common Board or separate Board for each States is to be constituted.

A Committee for drafting rules has been constituted by the Punjab Wakf Board. Punjab Wakf Board is taking up the matter with the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh for constitution of Wakf Tribunals.

Mismanagement and Corruption in Wakf Boards

2547. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether mismanagement, malpractices and corruption galore in Wakf Boards;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken to streamline the Wakf Boards and root out corruption from there ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.